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Brooks Pleases Big Audience

Fred Emerson Brooks came to Niles last night and the assembly hall—Wash. Press for Dec. 17, 15 room at the local school was crowded with people who came to see if he was as fine an orator as he had been painted.

The verdict of all seemed to be that no printed word was capable of doing the man justice and that those who had missed hearing him had missed the treat of their lives.

Humor and pathos were just the same to Brooks and from the first moment that his kindly face smiled out over the audience, the crowd was his and he led them up and down the gamut of emotion; one moment smiles, the next tears.

Fred Emerson Brooks is certainly in a class by himself. His readings of his own verses proved that not only is he a poet of no little ability but a real orator as well, and his several imitations were excellently rendered.

If the balance of the entertainments that are to be given in this series are as good as the one last night, we all will certainly have got our money's worth.

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REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT COMMISSION

On December 1st the Industrial Ac-

cident Commission reported to Governor Wm W. Johnson its transactions for the fiscal year ending June 30. This report covers the Departments of Compensation, Insurance and Safety, with their allied sections, and is accompanied by a full statistical report of 62,211 industrial accidents that occurred in California during 1914. These accidents were divided as follows: deaths 678; permanent injuries 1,252; temporary injuries 60,241.

The Commission points with satisfaction to the large number of acceptances of compensation received from employers in the exempted classes of agricultural and kindred callings and household domestic service. The last report, covering the first six months of 1914, showed that 2,320 employers had filed with the Commission written acceptances of the compensation provisions of the law. During the year ending June 30th last, 4,038 additional acceptances were filed making a total of 6,358. These voluntary acceptances brought many thousands of employees under the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation, Insurance and Safety Act.

It is shown that there has been a change in sentiment concerning the new system and that workmen's compensation is now universally regarded as an equitable method of providing a limited income for those who are hurt while at work, in comparison to the inequities that prevailed under employers' liability.

THE METHOD OF RATING PERMANENT INJURIES

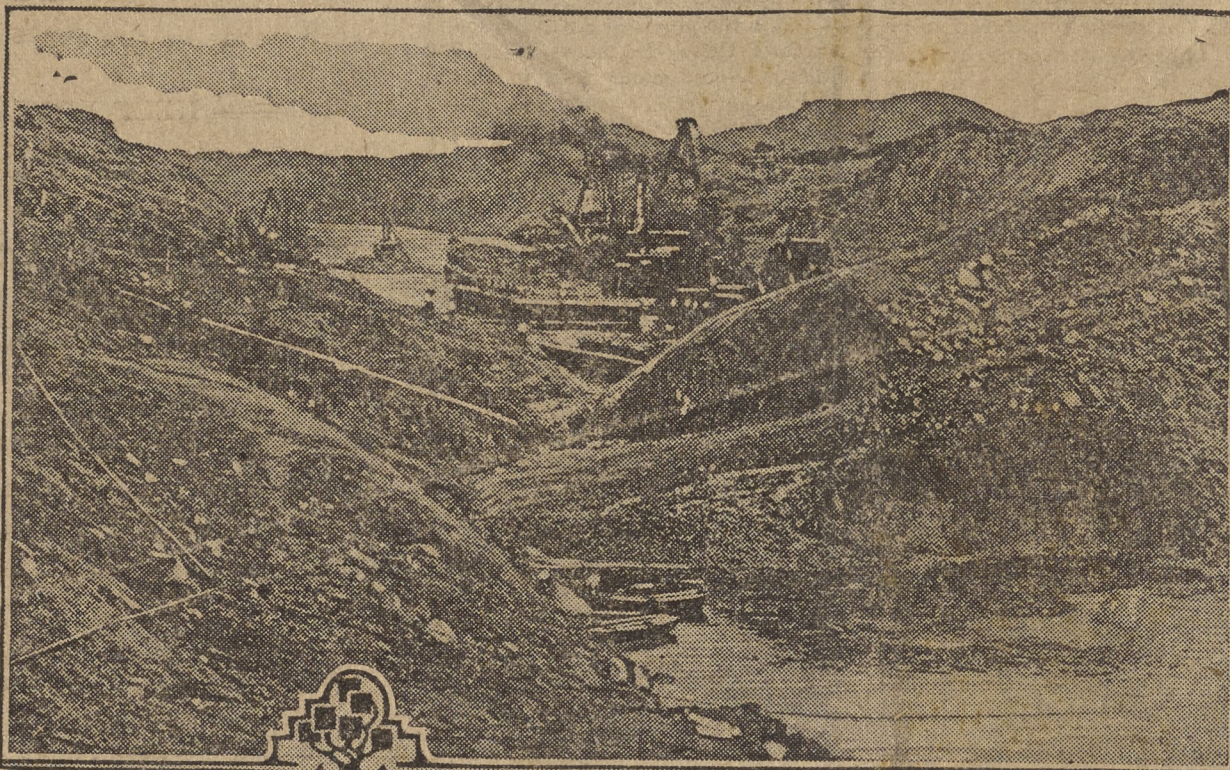
The Permanent Disability Rating Department scientifically rates permanent injuries according to the nature of the injury or disfigurements, the occupation and the age. This plan enables compensation to be awarded according to loss of earning power. California is the only State possessing this method of computation.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN ADMINISTERING THE ACT

The Medical Department arranges for the examination and treatment of injured men when there are disputes as to the nature and extent of the disability. It also supplies information on all questions of medical character and assists in determining the status of injured men whenever called upon. The standards of surgical results are very high. It is more and more recognized that better surgery throughout the State diminishes dis-

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PANAMA SLIDE NOW COMPLETELY BLOCKS CUT.



Striking photograph which tells better than words the effectiveness of the dirt slide blockade at Gallard cut in the Panama canal. Engineers say it will take a year to clear it away.

FEAR NILES CITIZEN HAD BEEN KIDNAPED

Niles authorities were thoroughly aroused Monday night by a rumor that a certain well known Niles man had been kidnaped.

It seems as if this particular man had always been in the habit of notifying his family before going out of town, but this evening he accepted an invitation for an auto ride from a friendly drummer, and neglected to leave word where he had gone.

When he failed to reach home at a late hour and no one could be found who knew of his whereabouts, it was feared that he had met with foul play

and the wires were kept hot in all directions in a effort to locate him.

In the midst of the excitement the turned up safe and sound and wanted to know what all the trouble was about.

Guess who said "Never again!"

ELECTED DIRECTOR OAKLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. F. V. Jones was elected a Director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club at its meeting last Thursday evening.

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce-Commercial Club is now one of the largest and most influential civic bodies in the United States. It has done in the past great good for Oakland and Alameda County. Its future is even brighter.

This is a decided honor to Niles to have one of its citizens a Director of such a body. To Mr. Jones however is due such a position, his local civic work has very often been felt to and within the limits of the city of Oakland, and we feel very certain the city as well as the county will be honored by his efforts during his coming three years' term of office.

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SUIT POSTPONED TILL

NEXT WEEK

The application of the Water District for a temporary injunction against the Spring Valley Water Co. came up Tuesday but was again postponed till Monday, Judge Trabucco has been assigned the case.

SPRING VALLEY BUSY

Spring Valley has a bunch of water experts at work in our midst. They are at last getting busy in the fight against our District.

Remember the date of the Alvarado Annexation election, Saturday, Dec. 18, 1915. Vote Yes and make the union of the township complete. Urge your neighbors to vote also. The bigger the vote the more force it will have on those who are seeking to rob this section of its water supply.

Ladies Guild Holds Their Annual Bazaar

The annual bazaar given by the ladies of the Congregational Church was held last Friday afternoon and evening in the Guild rooms and Sunday School rooms of the Church and was a decided success in every way.

The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion and attractive booths were arranged on all sides where the various articles which were to be sold were on display.

An excellent dinner was served by the ladies in the gymnasium and although the charge was made but 35c, the meal which was furnished was extremely good.

In the evening a short program was given which was greatly enjoyed, and although a drizzling rain set in, the attendance was fairly good.

CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE TO NIGHTWATCHMAN FUND

A meeting of Niles citizens was held in Jones and Ellsworth's office Wednesday night and it was agreed to employ a nightwatchman for the coming six months under the arrangement now in force.

While there were not quite enough subscriptions made to pay the salary of the watchman, it is believed that a personal canvass of the town will bring in enough subscriptions to make up the necessary amount.

F. V. Jones was elected chairman of the Nightwatchman Committee and George Rose was elected secretary.

THE CLANSMAN DRAWS FAIR CROWD

Thos. Dixon's famous film drama "The Clansman" was shown three times in Niles last Saturday and Sunday but the weather man conspired against the management of the theatre and the attendance was not as large as was expected.

All who attended report that the picture was a wonderful one and express the hope that it will be brought back at a more favorable time.

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NOTICE TO ELECTION BOARDS

Send the returns of the election to Centerville, addressed to Chris Runckel, Secretary of the Alameda County Water District. The returns must be canvassed by the Board on Tuesday so it is advisable to send or bring them at once.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

The postponed meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held last Tuesday night with five members in attendance.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and approved, a number of communications were read and placed on file.

The folder Committee reported that they were awaiting bids on the printing and would probably have a more complete report to make at the next meeting.

The proprietor of "Joe's Lunch" was elected to membership and after the secretary had read the reports since

last meeting the Chamber adjourned.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, the regular meeting night and a good crowd is expected to be present as a matter of considerable importance is to be brought up.

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MOTORCYCLE COLLIDES WITH AUTOMOBILE

A collision between an automobile and a motorcycle on the boulevard two miles west of here Sunday morning resulted in serious injuries to Russell Fitton, mail clerk, 1632 Eighteenth St., Oakland. Fitton drove his motorcycle head on into an automobile when blinded by the headlights.

The occupants of the automobile whose names were not learned brought Fitton to Niles where his injuries were dressed and later to the county infirmary, where it was found that his injuries consisted of lacerations of the face, body and hands and contusions of the head.

ANOTHER FLOOD THIS WEEK

The heavy rain this week sent another flood down the creek. As a result of the floods already the wells are beginning to respond. As in the previous flood the bulk of the water came from the Calaveras watershed. If the Spring Valley were catching these floods the water would be sent to San Francisco and sold by the Spring Valley Water Co.

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CALL UP THE SECRETARY

The election to-morrow is in charge of the Water District. The Secretary, Chris Runckel, will be called up at the Press office, Niles, at any time Saturday for any information pertaining to the election. Call us up. Phone Niles 71.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF MANUEL HARVEY

Fire starting from an overtrend coal-oil stove, gutted the little home of Manuel Harvey on the Niles-Irvington road Wednesday morning and nearly took the life of the infant who overturned the stove.

Mrs. Harvey had gone to the front gate to speak to the mail carrier and left the baby inside. A wall of pain from the youngster called the mother back to find the interior of the room in flames and the child's dress burning.

Her first efforts of course were to extinguish the flames on the child and by the time this was done the whole inside of the house was afire.

Quick work on the part of the neighbors and passersby resulted in the saving of much furniture and wearing apparel but the inside of the house was badly damaged.

The child received severe burns about the face and hands which are very painful but from last reports it was expected to recover.

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PARENT TEACHERS GIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT BELL

The entertainment and motion picture show which was given at the Bell Theatre last Monday by the Parent-Teachers Association did not receive the support that it deserved.

These associations are doing a wonderful work everywhere they are in existence and should receive the hearty endorsement of the community.

It is believed that the inclement weather had something to do with the poor attendance and that next time there will be a bigger crowd out.

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MEN'S LEAGUE HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Men's League was held last Sunday evening at the Congregational Church. Rev. Jones, the new Centerville pastor, was the speaker of the evening and told of his experiences in Europe at the time of the beginning of the great war.

The following committees were appointed for the 1915-1916 season.

Speakers: Hyde, Ford, Jones.

Banquets: Jacobus, Stratton, Bor-

onda, Jones, Overacker, Fries.

Church Improvement: Ellsworth,

Hyde, Moyer, Washburn, Vorhies.

Relief and Membership: Jones,

Sneden, Hicks, Walker, Dassel.

Library: Moyer, Sneden, Hyde.

Heating: Oakeshott, Morgan, Ells-

worth.

Social and Entertainment: Hyde,

Ellsworth, C. R. Evans, Morgan, Oake-

shot, Alberg.

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STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Niles State Bank of Niles, California, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 8, 1916, at 2 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CHARLES EVANS,
17-24-31-7 Secretary.

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W. O. W. Dance

Big C 88

A large crowd attended the last time dance given last Saturday evening in Connor's Hall by the Women of Woodcraft, and a merry time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The costumes worn by the dancers were of every sort, some of them undoubtedly had been rescued from the rag bag for the occasion, others showed that no effort had been spared by the wearers to appear in appropriate garb.

A grand march was held at midnight and a prize awarded to the lady and gentleman who best portrayed the spirit of the evening.

Fodder Dolan was selected as the most disreputable looking man, and Mrs. Peterson who was gaily garbed in a gown made of flour sacks was awarded the prize for ladies.

Several others who might have qualified for the prizes failed to appear in the grand march for the judges inspection.

Much merriment was created at the door as dancers sought admission and were fined for wearing too good clothing and jewelry. We learn from a reliable source that it cost Eddie Fries over \$2.00 to get in.

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Press with Issue Big and Mission Restoration Edition

In co-operation with the Mission San Jose Restoration Committee the Press will next month issue a large special edition devoted to the promotion and advancement of that most worthy object and of the country in general. Among the features of the edition will be a comprehensive resume of the work already done in the restoration of this old landmark of California, one of its most interesting, and around which clusters much of the early history of this part of the state. Several articles by well known writers who have given much thought and consideration to the restoration and historical value of the Mission will characterize the edition, which will be the first time this valuable data has ever been gathered in one publication.

Another and very important feature of the edition will be a complete write-up of the county of various towns of Washington County, covering all matters of soil, climate, crops, products, development, schools, churches, societies, municipal affairs, and all those things touching upon the country which will be of interest to the prospective homeseeker or investor. The issue will be profusely illustrated with views of interest throughout the country. Its principal public buildings, best country homes, business blocks, etc., and will in every way be an edition creditable to the country and the office producing it.

The work of preparing the edition will be in the hands of Mr. F. M. Harvey, a well known writer of Madison, Wis., who is a specialist in this class of work, and whose past success in other fields is a guarantee that the work will be well done.

The Press special will be the best publicity matter ever issued for the community and it is hoped to meet the cost of its publication through the sale of extra copies of the paper, which will be sold at 10 cents each, and we trust that all citizens of the township will purchase as many of them as they can use to advantage in mailing to friends and acquaintances. By this method it is expected the issue will reach all parts of the United States and present the advantages of Washington Township in the most attractive way, and with an interest to be had in no other manner. Orders for papers should be placed with this office or Mr. Harvey early, that the work may be completed as soon as possible.

In the gathering of data for the edition Mr. Harvey will call on the people of the community and we bespeak for him their hearty co-operation and assistance in every way.

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NILE'S OPPORTUNITY

The people of Niles have an opportunity in this annexation election to gain the good will of the entire water district. A large and favorable vote will at once set Niles before the rest of the township in the right light. The opposition to the present Board of Directors and the unfair fight put up against them has had its source in Niles. It has come from a small but somewhat noisy faction and has created the impression that the people of Niles are not in sympathy with the rest of the township. Now is the time to remove that impression. Now is the time to show the rest of the township that the interests of Niles are linked up with its neighboring towns that the interests of every property owner in the district will be jealously safeguarded by Niles.

Niles has a future but it up to Niles to build that future. If it is to take a worthy place as the leading town in the township it must command the confidence and support of the people of the whole township. It is the time now to show that it can raise above the petty prejudices and factional differences which it has inherited from the past. It is the time now to win its place as a leader in whatever makes for the prosperity of the township.

Niles never had a better chance to prove itself worthy of the confidence and respect of its neighbors. Let Niles give a creditable vote in favor of standing behind Alvarado and the rest of the township and it will start a new era of good will which will do much for the town's future. It is up to the Niles voters.

VOTE FOR ANNEXATION

Don't neglect to vote "Yes" on the Alvarado annexation proposition. Because there is no fight against it you should not treat that question lightly. There is plenty of fight against the interests of the people of Washington Township. The big water corporations are fighting us at every point. The directors need the united support of the people of the district. The past three years have been years of preparation and organization on the part of our people. The coming year will see the rights of our people won or lost for all time to come. This election may have an important bearing on the fight. The moral effect of a big united vote on the part of our section should not be underestimated. Take a few minutes time to vote. Show the corporations who are trying to rob this section of millions of dollars worth of valuable rights that you are awake to your own interests. The bigger the vote the stronger the effect in Oakland where our main battles must be fought in 1916. Strengthen your own cause.

Remember that though we are small in numbers we are fortified by our rights. By uniting the entire community in defense of those rights we stand a better chance to have those rights respected.

Annexation of Alvarado will give us the strength of our district. It will also protect Alvarado. Vote "Yes".

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Every registered voter who resides within the boundaries of the Water District is entitled to vote at this election. The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. The polling places are Odd Fellows Hall, Niles, Silva's Hall, Decoto, Piexotto Building, Centerville, Maple Hall, Irvington, Watkin's Hall, Newark.

The question to be voted on reads: "Shall the ordinance for the annexation of additional territory be approved."

This means shall Alvarado be taken in as a part of the Alameda County Water District. To vote for the proposition stamp or mark an X in the square opposite the word "Yes".

It will only take about a minute to vote after you reach the polls. Do this for the sake of yourself and your neighbors.

A FOUR COLUMN NOTICE

Will Jefferis devoted four front page columns last week to Runckel and the Lake County Water District fight. We might be flattered with such a notice — if it weren't in the Register.

The Lake County Bee is a loyal servitor of the corporation interests in Lake County. We are not surprised that the Register and the Bee are in touch with each other.

ROLPH ADMINISTRATION BUTTS IN

Engineer O'Shaughnessy of San Francisco, Mayor Rolph's handy man in the effort to unload Spring Valley on the Bay City has injected himself in the suit of the Alameda County Water District to obtain a temporary injunction against the Spring Valley Water Co. This is not surprising as we have long been convinced that the Rolph administration and the Spring Valley Water Co. are identical.

Rolph and O'Shaughnessy are trying to side track the Hetch Hetchy as a water supply until the Spring Valley properties have first been unloaded on the city. Their present aim is to develop only the Hetch Hetchy as a power plant. Then in the distant future when the Spring Valley is abolished the plan is to force the surrounding bay region to share in the building of the Hetch Hetchy water system. If successful the relief that the bay region needs from the Hetch Hetchy supply will not come for at least fifteen years. In the meantime every effort will be made to develop the Alameda Creek system to the uttermost. The rights of the people of this section are to be entirely disregarded.

Now that City Attorney Long and Mayor Rolph and Engineer O'Shaughnessy have lined themselves up with the Spring Valley in our fight the silly charge of the opponents of our district that political interests in San Francisco inspired the organization of our district is given the lie. These same interests are the ones for whom Will Jefferis worked as a moving picture artist last year in taking the pictures of the Spring Valley system.

It is just as well that Mayor Rolph and his assistants have come into the open in this question. An open foe is always easier to combat than a secret ally.

Now, citizens of Washington Township, it is up to you to stand together stronger than ever. You will have a chance in to-morrow's election to show these enemies of our section that even though we are small we are united in a common and very vital cause.

Get out and vote. Make your district stronger still. Urge your neighbors to get out too. The bigger the vote the more effective the notice to all our secret as well as open foes.

UNION WATER CO. SCHEME COMES TO LIGHT

Agreement Made in 1912 Recorded Last Month Shows Plans of Company

The Union Water Co., a subsidiary corporation of the United Properties Co., has again attracted attention to the scheme which alarmed our people some three years ago. The plans of that company have been supposed to be dead and the danger of development of another water supply at Newark has been considered to be past. That the company has not entirely given up its hope to realize a water supply in our section is shown by the recording of an agreement on Nov. 23, 1915, less than a month ago. This agreement was made on Mar. 20, 1912, and the nature of the agreement reveals the scheme which the company at that time had in mind. That the Union Water Co. has entertained hopes to profit by that agreement has been confirmed by the recent recording of the instrument. That the company has been endeavoring to raise the money in order to hold the lands which it purchased at that time has been known for several weeks past. The failure to raise the money is probably the only thing that has prevented it from making secure its hold upon the lands purchased at that time.

Agreement Between United Properties Co. and the Union Water Co.

According to the agreement the Union Water Co. has the right to select from the lands known as the Newark Tract containing 2300 acres of land, the Hall Ranch 305 acres, the Stevenson Ranch 900 acres, such parcels thereof not to exceed 100 acres for sites upon which to drill water wells and maintain pumping stations and reservoirs and to maintain and use roads necessary for the business of the Union Water Co., etc. The agreement gives the Union Water Co. the right to the waters which are under all of aforesaid lands. Also two tracts of 6.22 acres each and another of 5.83 acres in the Walker tract (old Carter place) and also about 60 acres in the Niles and Vignero tract between Newark and Alvarado.

When the Union Water Co. began to acquire these properties some four years ago it had plans for developing a water supply for Oakland and the other East Bay cities and had signed up quite a number of contracts in those cities. Quite a number of wells have been bored by the company in the Newark section but no attempt has been made to develop the supply.

The filing of the agreement at this late date has given rise to various rumors that it was endeavoring to unload its water bearing properties. The time for the redemption of the Stevenson property has passed and from all indications the company has not succeeded in raising the necessary money to secure the foothold which it had hoped to gain in the township.

The danger that threatened the township by the plans of this company some four years ago was called to the attention of the people by the Press at that time and the recent filing of the agreement proves that we were right as to the intentions of the company at that time. It also shows that so long as there is a chance to revive this scheme it will be well for the people to keep an eye on this phase of our local water supply situation.

The annexation of the Alvarado section to our water district will have an important bearing upon any new schemes for pumping and diverting water from the township and there should be no question as to what our people should do in voting on the annexation of the Alvarado territory.

TO THE WOMEN

Your best interests are at stake in this water fight. We men are willing to bear the brunt of the fight but we need your moral support, your votes. Vote Yes tomorrow and add Alvarado to our district before another attempt is made to grab that section by the Peoples Water Co. politicians.

HOW TO VOTE

Shall the ordinance for the annexation of additional territory be approved? Put your stamp opposite the word, "Yes".

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A Word About the Election Tomorrow

The election called in our Water District and in the proposed Alvarado addition for Saturday December 18th, is another mile-post on our road to success in the protection of our farms and homes. If the voters turn out in good strength and register what I know to be their sentiments on the matter, with an overwhelmingly favorable vote for the annexation it will be a great help to the Directors who are carrying on this fight for the people. If on the other hand the people show indifference and negligence in this matter it will be argued that they have lost interest and it will renew the hope of the great corporations that wish to steal more water from us that we are about to go to sleep again, and they will have another period like that previous to the organization of the first water committee, when there was no organized public interest and they could get what they wanted by a comparatively easy fight against individual land owners.

The old fight, thousands of years old, yes as old as the world, nearly has been won in the same way by the great single interests against the many small interests. The king had to play one interest against another to divide and conquer the nobles, or the people. One set against another. The water robbers have tried that on us men since the district was organized but it did not work and we know the traitors pretty well now.

Another way is through the confident trust that sooner or later the people will go to sleep on their interests. That they will lose hope of success and get tired of the whole matter. A man lives but a few years and his interests or residence may change many times in those few years, but a great corporation is practically endless (as well as conscienceless) and it has but few interests and those are in the main unchanged by the passing of time. Of course the main interest is the making of money for the stockholders and officials but these water companies to do this must get water and water rights,

and the early officials of the Spring Valley Water Works' as it was then called, laid plans to seize the water resources of this valley long before most of the present residents of the valley were born, and these plans were carried forward with absolute success as occasion demanded, step by step, up to the time of the organization of the first Water Committee.

The abandonment of the plan to pump water from the gravel beds near Centerville was the first and only check or change in the progressive robbery to that date but it will not be the last if the people will hold together and keep awake to their own interests, and as a matter of fact the people have won in everything since that date.

A word as to the present status of the legal fight that the Directors of our Water District are making for the rights of our land owners and citizens. The main injunction suit has been delayed from time to time by various legal quibbles and tricks of the Spring Valley attorneys. Patience on our part at last ceased to be a virtue and we have asked for a temporary and immediate injunction on the taking of the water while the main suit is pending. Even this suit has been subject to the same tactics but will come to a settlement in a few days, in spite of all they can do.

The desperate fight for delay on the part of our opponents and the fact that their answer to our original complaint is in the main weak and easily confuted by data already in our possession is on the whole encouraging. Our case on the legal and engineering side is in splendid shape and so far as the Directors can see, law and precedent is with us and we have every expectation of forcing the main trial soon and winning back the rights of our people, or at any rate protecting them from further aggressions.

What the people of the valley can do at this immediate time to strengthen the hands of their Directors and help in the fight for their own rights is to vote. Vote early and then see during the day how many of your friends and neighbors you can get out to vote.

J. C. SHINN,

President of Board of Directors, Alameda Co. Water District.

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\$4.00 Heavy Work Shoes (Solid Leather)	\$3.45
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\$4.00 Shoes, Button or Lace	\$3.25
\$3.50 Shoes, Button or Lace	\$2.95
\$4.00 Tan Button Shoes	\$3.00
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Boys' Dress Shoes

\$2.00 Shoes, sizes 9 to 13½	\$1.60
\$2.25 Shoes, sizes 1 to 2	\$1.85
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A Special NAP-A-TAN Black Shoe FOR SCHOOL BOYS

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AT LESS THAN COST

\$1.95 Shoes, sizes 9 to 13½, only	\$1.50
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\$1.50 Horsehide	\$1.35
\$1.00 Assorted	75c
\$1.50 Lineman's	\$1.35
50c Gloves, now	40c
\$1.25 Fur Top, Wool Lined	85c
Odd lots of Gloves, values from 75c to \$2.00, now only	60c

Body Belts

Boys' sizes	15c and 20c
Men's sizes	25c and 35c
Initial Belts, Regular Value 75c, Sale Price	45c

25c

25c Value, now	15c
50c Value, now	35c
75c Value, now	50c
\$1.00 Value, now	75c
\$1.50 Value, now	\$1.00
Special Whip offer opening day—A WHIP GRAB BOX—any Whip in the house	

Whips

25c

25c

\$3.75

Robes

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Prices Cut to Pieces

\$6.00, Plush	\$4.25
\$5.00, Plush	\$3.50
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And lots of others from \$2.00 up	

Halters Reduced to \$1.45

\$2.50 Strong and Large	\$2.00
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\$2.00 Strong and Large	\$1.75
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ALSO COLT HALTERS, ALL SIZES, CHEAP	

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\$1.90 Burlap, full lined, a Strong, Warm Blanket	\$1.55
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Good strong Chain Harness, Regular Price \$25.00

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\$36.00 Regular Price, now only	\$32.75
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\$26.00 Heavy,	only \$21.15
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And others from \$12.00 up.	

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Have gone down at this sale only. At every other place the price is going up.

\$5.75 BOSTON TEAM	\$4.75
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\$8.60 to \$10.00	\$7.95

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35c Hame Straps, 1-inch, best leather	25c
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NOTICE OF ELECTION ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Pursuant to the ordinance of the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Water District, made and entered in its minutes on the 13th day of November, 1915, notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the said district and in the territory proposed to be annexed to such district on the 18th day of December, 1915, for the purpose of determining whether or not such territory shall be annexed to said Alameda County Water District, and whether the ordinance of the Board of Directors of such district to that end be approved. The boundaries of the territory proposed to be annexed to said district are as follows:

Commencing at a point on the Western line of the Right of Way of the Central Pacific Railway's main line leading from Niles to Hayward, in Alameda County, California, where said Western line is intersected by the center line of County Road Survey No. 556, as said center line of said Survey No. 556 is shown in the notes of said Survey and filed in the County Surveyor's Office of Alameda County, California, at page 329 of Volume No. 2 of Survey Records; said center line of said Survey No. 556 being also a Northern boundary of the Alameda County Water District as said District is described in an Order of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, and entered in said Board of Supervisors' Minutes on the 25th day of November, 1913; thence running from said point of commencement North 42 degrees 11 minutes West, and along the Western boundary of the Right of Way of the Central Pacific Railway hereinbefore mentioned, (as said boundary is described in those certain next herein referred to instruments, viz. F. William Meyer to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 16th, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds at page 414; George Emerson to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 3rd, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds at page 410; Christopher Griswold to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated August 2nd, 1869, and recorded October 12th, 1869, in Book 49 of Deeds, at page 132; Andrew Patterson to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated June 30th, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds, at page 411; Cornelius Mohr to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated July 2nd, 1869, and recorded July 17th, 1869, in Book 41 of Deeds, at page 407; Andrew Himmelmann to Western Pacific Railroad Company, dated December 2nd, 1870, and recorded May 25th, 1914, in Book 2247 of Deeds, at page 347; the six deeds last above referred to and the records thereof are all severally and singly parts of the records of the Office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, State of California;) to a point in the Easterly line of County Road Survey No. 314, as said Survey No. 314 is shown in the notes of said Survey and filed in the Office of the County Surveyor of Alameda County, California, in Volume No. 2 of Survey Records, at page 75; thence following the Easterly line of said Survey No. 314, South 44 degrees West 53.20 chains more or less, to the point of intersection of said line with a boundary line of that certain parcel of land containing 384.93 acres as said parcel of land is described in that certain indenture made November 22nd, 1871, between Henry C. Hyde and Herman Haderer assignees in bankruptcy of Henry D. Ellerhorst and A. C. Teitman voluntary bankrupts, parties of the first part, and Andrew Himmelmann, party of the second part and recorded May 15th, 1872, in Book of Deeds No. 78, at page 446, Alameda County Records; said boundary line of said parcel of land being that described in said indenture as the Southerly line of the lands of Kompf and of Gay, thence along said last mentioned line South 83 degrees 55 minutes West, 39.80 chains to the Southwest corner of the lands of Kompf as said corner is described in said indenture, said corner being also the Southeast corner of the land of Hess; thence along the South line of the land of Hess, North 88 degrees 20 minutes West, 8.50 chains to the Northeast corner of a certain parcel of land containing 381.64 acres as said parcel of land is described in that certain indenture last hereinabove referred to; thence along the Northerly boundary of said last mentioned parcel of land, North 88 degrees 20 minutes West, 46.58 chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof and a point on the Easterly line of Hiffner; thence along the Easterly line of Hiffner as described in said indenture, South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 4.76 chains to the point of intersection of said line with the boundary line of the Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda, as said boundary line of said Rancho is shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda finally confirmed to Jose de Jesus Vallejo", etc., and recorded May 5th, 1858, in Book A of Patents, at page 70, Alameda County Records; said point of intersection is on survey line numbered 116 of said Rancho and is distant 3.25 chains from the point of intersection of the survey lines numbered 115 and 116 of said Rancho, as said lines are shown on the plat last herein referred to; thence along the boundary of said Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda as said boundary is shown on the plat of said Rancho last herein referred to, North 77 degrees West, 21.75 chains, West 59.00 chains, North 69 1-4 degrees West 85.00 chains, North 85 1-4 degrees West 27.00 chains, South 67 1-2 degrees West, 23.50 chains, North 75 1-4 degrees West 5.00 chains, North 10 1-4 degrees East 46.50 chains, North 64 1-4 degrees West 35.00 chains, North 4 3-4 degrees West, 35.00 chains to Station No. 3 J. V. of the survey of said Rancho, said station No. 3 J. V. being also the Southwest corner of the De Soto Rancho as the survey of said Rancho is shown on that certain plat entitled "Plat of the Southern Portion of the De Soto Rancho as subdivided by W. F. Boardman, J. A. Mayhew, and R. S. Farley Commissioners

appointed by the Judge of the Court of the Third Judicial District of the County of Alameda, to partition the same," and recorded October 27th, 1866, in Liber X of Deeds, at page 11, Alameda County Records; thence following the Westerly boundary of said last mentioned Rancho, North 41 degrees 20 minutes West 28.31 chains, North 32 degrees 20 minutes West to the intersection with a Southerly boundary of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 246, of Alameda County, California; thence West along a boundary of said Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 236, 13.40 chains to a corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 210, of Alameda County, California; thence following the boundaries of said Survey No. 210, North 20.00 chains, West 32.50 chains to the Northwest corner of said Survey No. 210; thence continuing along the boundaries of said Survey No. 210, South 12 degrees East 20.45 chains, South 45 degrees West, 11.45 chains, South 31 3-4 degrees East 14.00 chains to the Southwest corner of said Survey No. 210 and the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 295, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 295, South 1 degree West 60.00 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Salt Marsh and Tide Lands Survey No. 68, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 68, South 16 1-2 degrees East 20.85 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 245, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 245, South 10 1-4 degrees East 40.80 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 243, of Alameda County, California; thence along the Westerly boundary of said Survey No. 243, South 10 1-4 degrees East 28.06 chains to the Northwesterly corner of Swamp and Overflowed Lands Survey No. 244, of Alameda County, California; thence along the westerly boundary of said Survey No. 244 South 10 3-4 degrees East 8.25 chains, South 23 degrees East 20.10 chains, South 32 degrees East 13.00 chains, South 74 degrees East 8.20 chains, to a point on the Northerly boundary of Tide Lands Survey No. 101 of Alameda County, California; thence along the boundaries of said Survey No. 101, West 34.00 chains to the Northwesterly corner thereof; thence South 40.00 chains to the Southwest corner thereof; thence East to a point on the Southerly boundary of said Survey No. 101 which is due North from the most Westerly corner of the Alameda County Water District herein first referred to; thence due South to the most Westerly corner of said Alameda County Water District; thence along the Northerly boundary of said Alameda County Water District to the most Westerly corner of Lot No. 4 of the Baker Tract, as said Lot No. 4 is delineated and so designated upon that certain map entitled "Map of the Baker Tract near Alvarado, Alameda Co., California" and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, May 4th, 1896, in Map Book No. 17 at page 68; thence in a Northwesterly direction and following the boundaries of the said Alameda County Water District to the center line of County Road Survey No. 556 hereinbefore mentioned; thence along the center line of said Survey No. 556 and continuing along the Westerly corner of the Alameda County Water District, Southeasterly, Northeasterly, and Easterly, to the point of commencement.

The voters at such election are required to cast ballots which shall contain the words: "Shall the ordinance for the annexation of additional territory be approved? Yes. No." Ballots may be marked with rubber stamp, pen or pencil.

If such ordinance be approved by the electors then such territory shall be annexed to and become a part of said Alameda County Water District.

Notice is further given that for the purposes of said election, the territory above described is designated as precinct number six, and that the board of directors of said district have divided such district into five election precincts for the purpose of such election and that the following is a true and correct description of each of said five precincts and that the following is a true list of the polling places for all precincts and of the election officers designated by such board to conduct such election.

Precinct No. 1.

Precinct No. 1 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the main County Road leading from Niles to Hayward with the center line of the certain street running between Lots 15 and 17 as shown on the amended map of the Gregory Tract, and running thence Southwesterly along the center line of said street to the Northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway; thence Northwesterly along said right of way line of the Central Pacific Railway to the point of intersection thereof with a direct production Northerly of the line dividing the lands of the California Nursery Co. from the lands of J. H. Peterson; thence Southerly along said production and along said dividing line to the center of Alameda Creek; thence in a general Easterly direction up the center line of said Alameda Creek to the point of intersection thereof with the Westerly line of a tract of land containing 138 acres, owned by James Shinn; thence Southerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Shinn to the Southerly line of the County Road leading from Centerville to Niles; thence Westerly along said Southerly line of said County Road leading from Centerville to Niles to the Westerly line of the lands of William Barry; thence Southerly along said Westerly line of said lands of Barry to the Southwest corner thereof; thence Easterly along the line dividing Surveys 77 and 78 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose to the Southwest corner of the lands of J. J. Santos; thence Northerly, Easterly, and Southerly following the

Western, Northern, and Eastern boundary of said lands of Santos to the Southeast corner thereof; thence Easterly along the line dividing said Surveys 77 and 78 of the said Ex-Mission lands to the Southeast corner of said Survey 78; thence in a Southerly direction and thence in an Easterly direction along the Westerly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 25 and 63 and the Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 63, 62, and 61 to the point of intersection thereof with a straight line drawn between the point of intersection of a direct production Northeasterly of the center line of County Road No. 1008 with the center line of the County Road running from Niles to Mission San Jose and the most Southerly corner of Survey 58 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose; thence Northwesterly along last described straight line to said most Southerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 58; thence Westerly in a straight line to the point of intersection of the Northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway with the center line of the County Road leading from Niles to Hayward, said County Road leading from Niles to Hayward being the County Road which runs along the Northerly boundary of the Ford Tract, as shown upon that certain map entitled "Ford Tract, Niles, Alameda County, California", etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, April 21, 1900; thence Westerly and Northwesterly along the center line of said County Road from Niles to Hayward to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 2.

Precinct No. 2 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the main County Road leading from Niles to Hayward with the center line of a certain street running between Lots 15 and 17 as shown upon the amended map of the Gregory Tract, and running thence Northwesterly along said center line of said main County Road leading from Niles to Hayward to the point of intersection thereof with the center line of County Road No. 556; thence Westerly, Southwesterly, and Northwesterly along the center line of said County Road No. 556 to the point of intersection thereof with a straight line drawn between the point of intersection of the center line of County Road No. 314 with the Northerly boundary line of Washington Township, in Alameda County, California; and the most Westerly corner of Lot 4 as said Lot 4 is delineated and so designated upon that certain map entitled "Map of the Baker Tract, Near Alvarado, Alameda Co., California", etc., and filed in the office of the Recorder of Alameda County, California, May 4, 1896; thence Southeasterly along last described straight line to said most Westerly corner of Lot No. 4 of the Baker Tract; thence due West to the Easterly boundary line of Tide Land Survey No. 106, Alameda County, California, Surveys; thence Southeasterly in a direct line to the Northwesterly corner of Section 5, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian; thence South easterly along a straight line drawn between said Northwesterly corner of said Section 5 and the point of intersection of the Westerly boundary line of Alameda County with the line dividing the North half from the South half of Section 17, said township and range, to the center of Beard Creek; thence Northwesterly up the center of Beard Creek to the Northwesterly line of County Road No. 520 (known as the Bell Ranch Road) at Mayhew's Landing; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Bell Ranch Road to the center of Alameda Creek; thence Northeasterly along the center of said Alameda Creek to a point on the line dividing the lands of the California Nursery Co. from the lands of J. H. Peterson; thence Northerly along last said production and along said line dividing the lands of the California Nursery Co. from the lands of J. H. Peterson, and along a direct production Northerly thereof to the Northerly line of the right of way of the Central Pacific Railway; thence Easterly along said right of way line to the center line of a certain street running between Lots 15 and 17 as shown on amended map of the Gregory Tract; thence Northeasterly along the center line of said street to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 3.

Precinct No. 3 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Northwesterly line of County Road No. 520 (said road being known as the Bell Ranch Road) with the center of Alameda Creek, and running thence Southwesterly along said Northwesterly line of the Bell Ranch Road to the point of intersection thereof with the Northeasterly line of the lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson on the Southeasterly side of said Bell Ranch Road; thence Southeasterly and Southwesterly along said Northeasterly line of said lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson to the most Northerly corner of the lands of Mrs. M. Wales, said lands being Survey 122 of the Ex-Mission San Jose; thence Southeasterly along the North easterly line of said lands of Wales to the East corner thereof; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 122 and 123 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 121; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 121 to the Easterly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 120; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 119 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 118 to the Northerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Southeasterly in a direct line to the Southerly corner of the lands of M. A. Eggers; thence Northeasterly along the South easterly line of said lands of Eggers to a point due Northwest of the Northwesterly corner of the lands of F. W. Blacow; thence due Southeast to said Northerly corner of the lands of Blacow; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 154, 155, and 150 to the most Westerly corner of said Survey 150; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 150 to the most Northerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 149; thence Southwesterly, Southeasterly and Southwesterly lines of Ex-Mission Surveys 149, 145, 144, and 143 to the most Westerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 143; thence due South to the Northerly line of Tideland Survey No. 105, Alameda County, California, Surveys; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Northerly and Easterly boundary lines of said Tide Land Survey No. 105 to the Northwest corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 92; thence North 9 degrees 56 minutes West 40.60 chains; thence East 10 chains; thence North 40 chains to the quarter corner in the center of Section 14, said Township and Range; thence along the Northerly line of Tide Land Survey No. 103 North 71 degrees 34 minutes West 126.50 chains, South 76 degrees West 82.67 chains, and South 71 degrees West 27.28 chains; thence leaving the Northerly line of said Tide Land Survey No. 103 South 13 degrees 30 minutes West 14.205 chains to a point on the Southerly boundary of said Tide Land Survey No. 103; thence North 76 degrees 30 minutes West 11.363 chains to the quarter section corner in the center of Section 17, aforesaid township and range; thence Westerly along the line dividing the North half from the South half of said Section 17 to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 5.

Precinct No. 5 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of the main County Road leading from Niles to Mission San Jose with a direct production Northeasterly of the center line of County Road No. 1008, and running thence Northwesterly along a straight line drawn between said point of beginning and the most Southerly

corner of Survey 58 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose to the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 61; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 61, 62, and 63 to Station No. 5 of said Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Southwesterly in a straight line to the Northwest corner of the lands formerly of M. B. Sturgess; thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 154 to the Southerly corner of the lands formerly of M. B. Sturgess; thence Northeasterly and Northwesterly along the Southeasterly and Northeasterly lines of said lands of Sturgess to the Northerly corner thereof; thence Northeasterly in a direct line to Station No. 5 of Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Westerly and Northwesterly along the Southerly line of Ex-Mission Survey 63 and the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 25 to the most Easterly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 78; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 78 to the Southeast corner of the lands of J. J. Santos; thence Northerly, Westerly, and Southerly following the Eastern, Northern, and Western lines of said lands of Santos to the Southwest corner thereof on the Southerly boundary of said Ex-Mission Survey 78; thence Westerly along said Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 78 to the Southwest corner of the lands of William Barry; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Barry to the Northwest corner thereof on the Southerly line of the County Road leading from Centerville to Niles; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said road to the Westerly line of a tract of land containing 138 acres owned by James Shinn; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Shinn to the center of Alameda Creek; thence in a general Westerly direction along the center of Alameda Creek to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 4.

Precinct No. 4 shall consist of that portion of Washington Township bounded as follows, to-wit:—

Beginning at the point of intersection of the Westerly boundary line of Alameda County with the line dividing the North half from the South half of Section 17, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, and running thence along a straight line drawn between said point of beginning and the Northwest corner of Section 5, said township and range, to the center of Beard Creek; thence Northeasterly in a general direction along the center of Beard Creek to the Northwesterly line of County Road No. 520 (known as the Bell Ranch Road); thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Bell Ranch Road to the North easterly line of the lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson on the Southeasterly side of said Bell Ranch Road; thence Southeasterly and Southwesterly along said Northeasterly line of the lands of the Estate of George W. Patterson to the most Northerly corner of the lands of Mrs. M. Wales, said lands being Survey 122 of the Ex-Mission San Jose; thence Southeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said lands of Wales to the East corner thereof; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 122 and 123 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 121; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 121 to the Easterly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 120; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 120 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 119; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 119 to the Westerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Northeasterly along the Northwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 118 to the Northerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 118; thence Southeasterly in a direct line to the Southerly corner of the lands of M. A. Eggers; thence Northeasterly along the Southeasterly line of said lands of Eggers to a point due Northwest of the Northerly corner of the lands of F. W. Blacow; thence due Southeast to said Northerly corner of the lands of Blacow; thence Southwesterly along the Northwesterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 154, 155, and 150 to the most Westerly corner of said Survey 150; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 150 to the most Northerly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 149; thence Southwesterly, Southeasterly and Southwesterly lines of Ex-Mission Surveys 149, 145, 144, and 143 to the most Westerly corner of said Ex-Mission Survey 143; thence due South to the Northerly line of Tideland Survey No. 105, Alameda County, California, Surveys; thence Westerly and Northerly along the Northerly and Easterly boundary lines of said Tide Land Survey No. 105 to the Northwest corner of Swamp and Overflowed Land Survey No. 92; thence North 9 degrees 56 minutes West 40.60 chains; thence East 10 chains; thence North 40 chains to the quarter corner in the center of Section 14, said Township and Range; thence along the Northerly line of Tide Land Survey No. 103 North 71 degrees 34 minutes West 126.50 chains, South 76 degrees West 82.67 chains, and South 71 degrees West 27.28 chains; thence leaving the Northerly line of said Tide Land Survey No. 103 South 13 degrees 30 minutes West 14.205 chains to a point on the Southerly boundary of said Tide Land Survey No. 103; thence North 76 degrees 30 minutes West 11.363 chains to the quarter section corner in the center of Section 17, aforesaid township and range; thence Westerly along the line dividing the North half from the South half of said Section 17 to the point of beginning.

corner of Survey 58 of the lands of the Ex-Mission San Jose to the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Survey 61; thence Southwesterly along the Southeasterly line of Ex-Mission Surveys 61, 62, and 63 to Station No. 5 of said Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Southwesterly in a straight line to the Northwest corner of the lands formerly of M. B. Sturgess; thence Southeasterly along the Northeasterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 154 to the Southerly corner of the lands formerly of M. B. Sturgess; thence Northeasterly and Northwesterly along the Southeasterly and Northeasterly lines of said lands of Sturgess to the Northerly corner thereof; thence Northeasterly in a direct line to Station No. 5 of Ex-Mission Survey 63; thence Westerly and Northwesterly along the Southerly line of Ex-Mission Survey 63 and the Southwesterly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 25 to the most Easterly corner of Ex-Mission Survey 78; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 78 to the Southeast corner of the lands of J. J. Santos; thence Northerly, Westerly, and Southerly following the Eastern, Northern, and Western lines of said lands of Santos to the Southwest corner thereof on the Southerly boundary of said Ex-Mission Survey 78; thence Westerly along said Southerly line of said Ex-Mission Survey 78 to the Southwest corner of the lands of William Barry; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Barry to the Northwest corner thereof on the Southerly line of the County Road leading from Centerville to Niles; thence Easterly along the Southerly line of said road to the Westerly line of a tract of land containing 138 acres owned by James Shinn; thence Northerly along the Westerly line of said lands of Shinn to the center of Alameda Creek; thence in a general Westerly direction along the center of Alameda Creek to the point of beginning.

Precinct No. 1.
Polling Place, I. O. O. F. Hall, Niles.
Inspector, H. E. Mosher.
Judge, J. A. Silva.
Clerks, P. A. Ellis, Fern Green.

Precinct No. 2.
Polling place, Silva's Hall, Decoto.
Inspector, Joseph H. Smith.
Judge, H. C. Seales.
Clerks, M. B. Maciel, Frank Caldeira.

Precinct No. 3.
Polling Place, Piexotto Building, Centerville.
Inspector, Manuel Oliveira.
Judge, Garrett Norris.
Clerks, M. F. Silva, Mary C. Allen.

Precinct No. 4.
Polling Place, Watkins Hall, Newark.
Inspector, Louis B. Rose.
Judge, Frank H. Sayles.
Clerks, F. R. Silva, Fred A. Moses.

Precinct No. 5.
Polling Place, Maple Hall, Irvington.
Inspector, Thomas Tierney.
Judge, Frank Leal.
Clerks, Mariana Horner, Manuel Joseph.

Precinct No. 6.
Polling Place, I. O. O. F. Hall, Alvarado.
Inspector, E. L. Farley.
Judge, O. J. Emery.
Clerks, A. A. Lee, Charles Nauert.
That said election will be held from the hour of six o'clock A. M. of said day when the polls will be open, until the hour of seven o'clock P. M. when the polls will be closed.
Dated November 13, 1915.
By order of the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Water District.
(Seal) CHRIS RUNCKEL, Secretary.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Zady Whipple, deceased.
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Zady Whipple, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, the said decedent, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California, within four months after the first publication of this notice, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Rooms 1101-1110 Union Savings Bank Building, Northeast corner of Broadway and 13th St., in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Zady Whipple, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, November 18, 1915.
John C. Whipple, Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Zady Whipple, deceased.
Thomas C. Huxley, Attorney for Executor.
Union Savings Bank Building, Oakland, Cal.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 20th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock, A. M., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of J. A. Easterday Estate to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Niles Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., Nov. 23, 1915.

LODGE MEETINGS

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.
Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, 1915: January 30, February 13, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 19, July 24, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.
E. M. GRIMMER, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

NILES LODGE, NO. 382,
I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles.
BEN W. STONE, Noble Grand,
W. O. FORD, Vice Grand.
P. A. ELLIS, Secretary.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.—
Meets every Second and Fourth Fridays of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.
J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
JOS. SOITO, Adv.
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

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Dentist
Office Hours: 9 to 12 and 2 to 5.
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Better Diet and Care for the Tuberculous

The California State Board of Health has prepared an outline of the requirements that will be necessary for counties to receive the State subsidy for the care of tuberculous persons. Miss E. L. Tate, Director of the Board's Bureau of Tuberculosis, has visited nearly every county hospital in the State, and as a result of Miss Tate's work, it has been decided that diet and medical supervision of tuberculous cases will be given more weight than the mere construction of buildings.

Counties having small, expensively constructed buildings, where there are large numbers of tuberculous persons waiting for admission to an institution, will not fare well in securing State aid. On the other hand, buildings of inexpensive construction, but with a capacity sufficient to accommodate all of the county's tuberculous who may desire to enter, will stand a much better chance of receiving aid from the State.

Conditions in many county hospitals of the State at the present time are appalling. There is overcrowding and lack of care, medical attendance and supervision. Some of these institutions are said to be so crowded that beds are even made up in the bathtubs. Some of them are vermin infested, and in very few are the patients served with the sort of food that is necessary for bringing about a cure of their tuberculosis.

The new law provides for the payment of a subsidy of three dollars per week per patient to such counties as maintain the standard required by the State Board of Health. Already many applicants have been received by the Bureau of Tuberculosis, and the operation of the new law will, no doubt, be the means of providing adequate care for the many tuberculous citizens, who, at the present time, lack the necessary care and attention to make them well.



Women Tell Why They Love This Magazine

"From Fashion to Fiction, it is Supreme," writes Mrs. J. H. of New York. "Of all the magazines I have ever taken or read, I like McCall's best," writes Mrs. W. of California. "It is such a helpful house, with suggestions, good, clean, bright stories, and is a very convenient size to handle," writes Mrs. A. J. of Texas. "I cannot tell you all that it means to me," writes a South Carolina subscriber. "I have taken McCall's MAGAZINE since I was married and my mother took it for years before and does now. I go to it for every need. Every new dish I prepare, or help I learn, my husband says: 'You must have gotten that from McCall's,' and he is right. I could not do without it."

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STATE NEWS

Sacramento, Dec. 13.—State Highway Commission pushing \$15,000,000 bond issue.

Red Bluff—Machinery installed for new broom factory here.

Lordsburg—New garage 50 by 100 feet under construction here.

Eureka—Building permits aggregating \$12,494 issued here during November.

Los Angeles—Security National Bank just completed, costing \$300,000.

Fresno capitalists considering railroad to the coast.

Oroville—Mining deal involving \$270,000, largest ever closed in Butte County.

Fees of nearly \$2,000,000 collected from 153,145 motor vehicles in State.

Clovis—Union Oil Company building three 20,000 gallon tanks.

San Francisco—Three public utility companies returning \$50,000 deposit money by order of Railroad Commission.

Oxnard—Work commenced on new buildings for State School for girls.

Red Bluff—Big telephone deal uniting two independent companies was closed.

Grass Valley—Wage scale for miners increased; no more \$2.25 a day men.

Brownsville—Activity in development continues in A. B. C. Mine near here.

Santa Cruz—New Parochial School to be erected here to cost \$25,000.

Chico—Southern Pacific company took over Butte County Railroad from here to Stirling City.

Los Angeles high school pupils cost 40 per cent more to educate than in colleges.

Monterey—County bee industry prospering; honey nets county \$35,000 in year.

Dixon—Cornerstone laid for new St. Peters church to cost \$18,000.

Kingsburg to have new modern sixteen room apartment house.

Sacramento—Fruit distributors estimate deciduous fruit crop for 1915, \$16,775,000.

Santa Monica—Work started on new three-story bathhouse to cost \$60,000.

Grass Valley—Rich discovery at Golden Center mine, adds 10 stamp mill.

Huntington Beach—West Coast Gas company defaults on interest payments.

Fresno—Earnings of Union Oil Company for this year will be \$3,300,000.

Los Angeles to have new Pantages Theatre.

Fullerton has new building loan association.

Stockton—Sperry Flour Company adds \$45,000 in new machinery.

Southern Pacific Company cuts rate from East on linseed oil.

Thermalito—Campaign on for developing big irrigation district.

Nevada County Traction Company has made profit during year.

Martinez—Shell Oil Company receives bids for 14 additional tanks.

Plymouth—Rhetta Mine is installing machinery.

Coram—Balaklava & Trinity Copper Companies shipping 9000 tons a month.

Marysville Wollen Mills to be reorganized and operated under new ownership.

Yerba Linda—Large citrus fruit packing house nearly completed.

San Francisco—New five-story building to be added to Ford Company plant.

Lingua Beach—Thousands of dollars being spent by investors for bungalows.

Rosasco—Railroad to be built from here to Hetch Hetchy dam site, a distance of sixty-seven miles.

Woodland—Machinery is being installed for street paving.

McFarland—Fire proof business block to be erected here.

Gilroy Municipal Lighting Plant leased ten years to Coast Counties Co.

San Francisco Unified Railways asks permission to issue \$4,300,000 bonds.

Oakland—Old Court House site to be used for new County Hospital.

Berkeley—University of California to have \$400,000 library addition.

California deciduous crop for 1915 totals 16,775 carloads.

Salida is to have a cheese factory.

Sacramento—Southern Pacific Co. shop men are given an eight-hour day.

Santa Ana—Orange County walnut crop totals \$1,512,500 value.

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abilities and therefore decreases compensation payments. Plans for an X-ray Museum are under way and the indications are that there shortly will be a complete series of examples of all bone injuries. The attitude of the medical profession towards the Workmen's Compensation, Insurance and Safety Act is now cordial.

SPLENDID RECORD OF STATE COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

The success of the State Compensation Insurance Fund has been noteworthy. At the close of the first year (1914) the Fund had written \$547,161.24 in net compensation insurance premiums, or approximately \$144,000.00 in excess of the writing of its nearest competitor. A refund to policyholders of 15 per cent of earned premiums was allowed as policies expired and actual payroll expenditures of insured employers were ascertained. The total amount of this refund was approximately \$75,000.00. It is estimated that an additional refund of 28 per cent will be returned to policyholders, or a total dividend of 43 per cent. At the end of the first year (1914) the rate schedule was readjusted, resulting in an average reduction of 10 per cent. The merit system of rating has been applied to all manufacturing risks and this resulted in a further average reduction. The Fund continued to co-operate with the Workmen's Compensation Service Bureau with reference to initial rates. A systematic and successful safety campaign has been conducted among those employers holding policies in the Fund. From January 1, 1914, to June 30, 1915, 5,861 cases of accidental injury were reported to the Fund. Of these cases 37 resulted in death, 83 in permanent injuries and 5,392 were temporary injuries. Of the total cases reported 349 were rejected as creating no liability on the part of the Fund.

STATISTICAL REPORT GIVES STRIKING DATA

A study of the sixty odd thousand accident reports for the year 1914 reveals some interesting features of California's industrial problems. 678 workmen of an average age of 39 suffered death as a result of industrial accidents. About 48 per cent of those killed left 625 people totally dependent. The average age of those widowed through industrial accident is about 39 years. These widows on an average must provide for about 2 1/2 children of an average age of 9 years. To help meet this burden, employers and insurance companies have already paid \$243,366.00, and payments will continue for four and one-half years from date of accident.

1,292 workmen suffered nearly all the conceivable forms of physical mutilation. Parts or all of over 600 fingers were cut off. 172 eyes are either missing or have suffered serious impairment of vision. 28 arms and 45 legs were amputated. 31 men were sufficiently disabled to require a life pension. To repair and relieve these workmen, already \$604,743.00 has been paid, and payments will continue, in some cases, as long as life lasts.

The 60,241 men and women who received injuries which left no permanent effect, did suffer sufficiently, however, to require the expenditure of over one million dollars to cure and relieve them from the effects of the injuries.

The time lost through the sixty odd thousand temporary injuries, is equivalent to about 3000 men being laid up for the entire year.

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Help her grow!
If you'd have her lead the rest,
Tell 'em so!
When there's anything to do
Let the fellows count on you;
You'll feel bully when you're through,
If you want to make a hit,
Get a name!
If the other fellow's it,
Who's to blame?
Spend your money in the town,
Where you pull the sheekles down;
Give the mail concern arown—
That's the game!
If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style
Throw bouquets instead of rocks
For awhile.
Let the other fellow roast;
Shun him as you would a ghost;
Meet his hammer with a boast
And a smile.
When a stranger from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what we are—
Make it strong.
Needn't flatter, never bluff;
Tell the truth, for that's enough,
Join the boosters—they're the stuff.
—Scranton Board of Trade; in the
Tonawanda, N. Y., Prospector.

NILES NOTES

Frank Rose, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days is reported to be on the road to recovery.

Judge Tilden, who's name has been on the sick list for several weeks past, is able to be about once more to the delight of his many friends.

Mrs. J. B. Overacker has been appointed a member of the Public Welfare Committee of Alameda County, by the Board of Supervisors.

The children of the Niles school will hold closing exercises in the assembly room of the school. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the little program which has been prepared.

Mrs. Grace Beck is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. B. Tyson.

Mrs. Hammer of San Francisco is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. B. Overacker.

Mrs. B. L. Tyson entertained Miss Howland of San Francisco last Sunday.

Mrs. Jacobus was hostess yesterday at a quilting bee at her home.

F. V. Jones is able to be about once more after a severe attack of La Grippe.

Mrs. Ella S. Evans was a guest of her son C. R. Evans over Sunday.

The rains of last week caused the streets of Niles to be filled with water, in a number of places pools were formed clear across streets, several inches deep.

Decoto

The annual bazaar held by the Decoto Ladies Aid Society last Saturday netted the society in the neighborhood of \$75. The ladies are raising a fund to paint the Congregational Church building.

The social dance given last Saturday evening by the U. P. P. E. C. and I. D. E. S. councils was a very pleasant affair socially. The music was furnished by Ravano's orchestra of Haywood. Manuel Lewis of Centerville acted as floor manager and the evening was made a very enjoyable one for all who attended.

Rolf Maas returned from Juneau, Alaska, Wednesday and has taken his old position with the California B. & C.

The Decoto School closed Friday for three week's Christmas vacation.

Miss Christine Anderson of Berkeley spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. S. K. Anderson.

Centerville

Mrs. L. C. Swain, wife of the well known Centerville optician, has returned from Stockton where she has been caring for her father who has been very ill. Mrs. Swain reports that her parent is greatly improved.

Percy Bell spent Wednesday and Thursday in Centerville visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bell.

N B Randall is on a business trip through the Sacramento Valley. Mr. Randall is demonstrating his automatic Bearing protector.

Reports from San Francisco seem to indicate that Mildred Coney who is under the care of her uncle, a well known physician, is not improving as fast as might be desired.

High school closes for Christmas vacation and smiles are seen where frowns have been for many months.

Mrs. C. R. Evans was a Centerville visitor Wednesday.

Newark

Mrs. Ed. Delaney has returned from a week's visit in Kansas City.

Mrs. Chas. Hafner was a San Jose visitor Wednesday.

Robt. McLearn spent a couple of days in Newark this week. He has just returned from a trip to Australia.

Mrs. Wiseman and daughter Annette are visitors in San Francisco today.

A god sized crowd attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and the matter of the rural route was gone over.

George Wales and family have moved into the A. A. Silva house.

Ed. Kiehloltz of Alameda has rented the Lovejoy house and will move his family here in the near future.